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Wendell Finance Committee Report, Fiscal Year 1983-1984

Not unlike other towns in Franklin County and throughout the Commonwealth, the effects of Proposition 2½ are striking the Town of Wendell with full force this year.

The Finance Committee is recommending a budget that is $5,742 over the levy limit FY84. We are recommending:

1) a very lean budget
2) limited override $5,742
3) general override $11,484
4) debt exclusion, $20,000 for front end loader

There is inadequate available free cash to offset the $5,742. Contrary to the recommendation of the Finance Committee, a large free cash appropriation made at a Special Town Meeting in December, 1981, resulted in not only a lower tax rate but also a lower levy limit. That lower levy limit has been offset by appropriations from available free cash to fund services to which we are accustomed. Now the free cash is spent.

For the present, the $55,000 appropriated at that December, 1981 meeting is being held in a bridge repair account. If that money is reimbursed by public funds, the money will revert to the general fund and become available as free cash.

Presently, however, we have no suggestions for relief from this situation. The school bond will be paid next year. That means in FY86 we will have about $30,000 available for other services.

It is important here to note that we are realizing increased school enrollments at all levels. Our proportions of each school budget are going up and we are going to be facing severe budget problems for years to come.

Our recommendations for funding for FY84 are as follows:

1) It is unlikely that there will be free cash available to offset the $5,742 overage that we recommend. In any case, no further appropriations from any source may be made for the remainder of the year (unless there is a general override or unanticipated revenue.)

2) We are hoping that there will be an increase in local aid that will make up the $5,742 deficit and/or that increased property valuation will raise the levy limit.

The only options left if free cash, local aid or increased valuation do not make up the deficit are:

3) Vote to overrride the levy limit--this requires a ballot question.

4) If the override fails, the town would need to cut a additional $5,742 from the budget. Although it may be that the schools will reimburse the town, we cannot be sure of this source of revenue. It appears that the only large budget we could affect late in the fiscal year would be the Summer Highway Maintainence account.

Quabbin Pictorial Within....
by: Photographer Don Pugh

As we view the next few budget years, we see that the Board of Assessors needs to revalue property, locate untaxed property, and seek out all revenue with deliberation. We cannot afford to be without any source of revenue available to us.

The tax collector is ecouraged to use whatever means available to collect back taxes so that we realize our best potential in available free cash.

And so, we introduce the recommended budget for FY1984.

The Wendell Finance Committee
Bruce Cohen
Mary Houghton
Don Stone
Anne Zak

PLEASE NOTE: On Tuesday, April 12, 1983, Governor Dukakis announced that $157.7 million in additional state aid would be returned to towns and cities. Wendell's share would be $24,454. This disbursement has yet to be passed by the legislature, however, it is certain that some financial relief is coming our way.

ELECTION ISSUE

Wendell Town Election

Wendell Town Elections will be held on Monday, May 2, 1983, at the Town Hall Polls will be open from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m.

Annual Town Meeting shall beheld on Wednesday May 4, 1983, at 7:00 p.m. The business meeting will consider a 19 article warrent. * write-in candidate

Officers to be Elected

SELECTMAN	3yrs.	: James Slavas
ASSESSOR	3yrs.	: Pliny Stebbins
ASSESSOR	1yr.	(to fill vacancy): Raymond E. Avery, Richard L. Williston, George E. Butler*
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3yrs.	Blank
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3yrs.	Joseph A. Diemand
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3yrs.	Ingrid Pfohl
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3yrs.	Paula A. Lavoie
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	1yr.	fill (vacancy) Judith Shaw
BOARD OF HEALTH	3yrs.	Jean Esser
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	3yrs.:	Daniel Bacigalupo
PLANNING BOARD	5 yrs.:	Raymond Avery
PLANNING BOARD	1 yr.:	Myron Becker
CONSTABLE	3yrs:	Joseph Hartjens
TREASURER	1yr.	Florence Blackbird
MODERATOR	1yr.	Michael Idoine
TREE WARDEN	1yr.	Daniel Bacigalupo
HIGHWAY SURVEYOR	3yrs.	Thomas Bardsley, Kenneth Wing

New Salem Town Election

New Salem Town Elections will be held Monday, May 2, 1983, at the Town Hall. Polls will open at 11:45 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Town Meeting, originally slated for the following Monday, has been postponed and the new date has not yet been selected. All of the candidates who are running for office are running unopposed. A list of these candidates follows:

Moderator	1yr.	Robert W. Henderson; South Main St.
Constable	3yr.	Norman Haney; Whitaker Rd.
Town Clerk	1yr.	Helen A. Wetherby; Lovers Lane.
Treasurer	1yr.	Arlene J.D. Hunt; Daniel Shays Highway.
Tax Collector	1yr.	Helen Wetherby
Board of Health	3yr.	Edith P. Watson; Wendell Road.
Planning Board	5yr.	Henry L. Cramer; Shutesbury Road.
Library Trustee	3yr.	John F. Jewett; W. Main St.
Auditor	1yr.	Ward M. Hunting; Orange Rd.
School Committee	3yr.	Lynda M. Graves; Wendell Road.

New Candidates:

Selectman	3yr.	Richard A. Shortt; North Main St.
Assessor	3yr.	Joseph A. Starkey; West St.

There are no candidates, but offices to be filled for a school committee position, 3 year term and a Board of Health position, 1 year term (unexpired term as Marion von Mering is resigning as of the May 2 election.

Route 2

Wendell Concerned Citizens continue to encourage fellow citizens to write state officials urging them to fund the upgrading of the existing Route 2 alignment. This $2.1 million (Traffic Management Plan, Option 2) improvement would make traffic easier through Erving and correct the accident locations on that strech of road.

Please write to the following:

Governor Michael Dukakis
State House
Boston, Mass. 02133

Frederick P. Salvucci, Secretary
Executive Office of Transportation & Construction
1 Ashburton Place Room 1610
Boston, Mass. 02108

Robert T. Tierney, Commissioner
Dept. of Public Works
100 Nashua St.
Boston, Mass. 02114

Rep. William D. Benson
Room 33
State House
Boston, Mass. 02133

Steven Schoenberg
composer-pianist

Steven Schoenberg's first album, "Pianoworks" will be released May 1st on the Quabbin Records label. The album will be available at local music stores and distributed through out New England.

Much of this album was recorded live at his December 12th concert in Buckley Recital Hall in Amherst. Steven will be doing another concert at Sage Hall, Smith College, in Northampton on Sunday, May 8th at 7:30 pm. On Monday, May 16th at 11:00 am he will be interview by Morning Pro Musica host, Robert J. Lurtsema on National Public Radio. (WFCR, Amherst 88.9) A composition,"Suite for flute, violen, viola & harp" will be performed live as well as some piano improvisations by Steven.

Waffles!!!

By popular demand Waffles will be returning to the Wendell Country Store on a regular basis. The first Sunday of every month will be Waffle Day in Wendell and folks from miles around will be able to waffle on down to the store to enjoy an old fashioned and nutritious breakfast of apple, orange, potato or spinach/feta cheese waffles served up with all of your favorite toppings.

To celebrate this fantastic happening Joshua Jay, the Waffle Clown and Anne Zak, proprietor of the Wendell Country Store have decided to host a Waffle Party. On May 1st, starting at 10:00AM, all children and kids will be able to eat free waffles and view an incredible collection of antique American waffle irons dating back to 1800. The Waffle Clown will be in costume, painting faces, playing with puppets, singing, dancing and doing his best to avoid burning the waffles.

When asked to explain the distinction between children and kids the Waffle Clown said, "A child is someone below the age of 12 years while a kid is any age." So if you are a child or a kid and you like eating waffles, make it down to The Wendell Country Store on May Day.

Note of Thanks

Phil and Pat Stowell extend their thanks for the support they have recieved from local residents after their home burned to the ground this March. At this writing, Phil and Pat and their two young children are staying at the Feltman's on Jennison Rd. Phil is building a small temporary structure on their land to summer in as the Stowells try to pick up the pieces.

New Salem's Fire and Police Chiefs Resign

George Willard, New Salem's Fire Chief for the past three years and George Spaulding, Police Chief for ten years, have both turned in their resignations effective July 1, 1983.

Both have cited "personal reasons" for their decision and both will remain in their departments, although not in the capacity of Chief. We thank them for their years of service and the efforts they have put into our town.

Book Review:

"North of Quabbin"

by Ingrid Pfohl

The other day I ran into Allen Young at the Country Store delivering his new book, "North of Quabbin". I was immediately interested in the book because Allen had written it and because it was about my favorite area in Massachusetts. I bought the first copy and eagerly took it home to read.

The book is written in an alphabetical format and covers a wide range of subjects. It is classified as a guide book to the nine town area of Athol, Erving, New Salem, Orange, Petersham, Philipston, Royalston, Warwick and Wendell. Each of the towns has its own section that includes its history, geography and interesting features.

Other headings range from the wildlife, people, art, flowers, industry, etc. of the area. Also included are histories of the doomed towns of Enfield, Dana, Greenwich and Prescott. There are many beautiful photographs throughout the book.

I like "North of Quabbin" very much. Allen Young's style is readable, enjoyable, and interesting. I learned new things about the area and I want to visit some of the mentioned spots. Under each heading there is a complete listing of appropriate names, addresses and telephone numbers that should be very helpful.

I was a bit disappointed that there wasn't more about Wendell but happy that there were as many photographs of it. I would have been interested in a section on indigenous Indians of the area. Aside from these small details, I highly recommend the book to residents and visitors to the area.

Several Wendell people were helpful with the book. Especially impressive were Don Pugh's lovely photographs. Myron Becker helped with sections on wildlife and fishing and Kathy and Myron Becker helped with the Wendell entry. The book is available for sale at area bookstores and at the Country Store and the Wendell library has a copy.

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Library Notes

The Wendell Free Library is pleased to announce a new service which will be provided by the library trustees. This service includes delivery and pick-up of library books to shut-ins and senior citizens of Wendell.

If you are interested in this service, please contact Pam Lavoie at 4-6400.

Welcome in the Spring with a visit to your library. There have been recent purchases including fiction and non-fiction for adults and young adults. New books and puzzles for children are also on the shelves

Summer hours are now in effect:
Tuesday - 2:00-4:00 PM
Wednesday - 12:00-4:00 PM & 6:00-8:00 PM
Saturday - 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Wendell Old Home Day is in the making once again! What goes into making Old Home Day happen? Well, the most important element is town participation -- from preplanning and performing, to coming together and sharing a good time on the big day, it is the people that make it happen.

For the past six years or so Annie Diemand has set the successful pace it takes to pull Old Home Day together. Many people and local groups are involved in this effort and I'd like to urge everyone from the Golden Agers to school age children to get involved. It's such a neat feeling to look around on Old Home Day and know that you helped.

What needs to be done? Energy is needed for children's games, posters, contests -- how about game booths this year? Arts and crafts displays would be beautiful! If you have any ideas and suggestions please get involved. The day will only be as good as we make it.

The tentative date for '83 is July 30th. What do you think?! Call Lisa (544-7636), Kathy (544-2086), Annie (544-6111).

by Lisa Aubin

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CROSSCOUNTRY IN QUABBIN

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CROSSCOUNTRY IN QUABBIN

It is spring.
Are we trying to forget
winter?
How many cords left?
Let us remember
a last glimpse
of isolation,
of feeling dwarfed
by stark desolate beauty
of long abandoned
and partially drowned
villages
in virgin snow
sit quietly to our east.
Quabbin,
Eagles (Do not disturb!),
Cross Country skiis
and determined effort.
Our tracks tell the story
of six miles
in two feet of fresh snow.
It is worth it.
Look! You can be there now.

Selectmen's Minutes

January 18, 1983
Wendell Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis with Slm. Jim Slavas present. Slm. Simos called to say that he would be late if at all.

The minutes of the Dec. 21st and Jan. 4th meetings were approved. The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved.

Charles Winn of Kimball-Cooke Insurance Co. went over the estimated costs of insurance for FY 1984. At this time our estimates are about $500.00 less than last year.

Discussed Highway Budget with the Finance Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

February 1, 1983

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis with the full board present.

The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved.

Discussed up coming Special Town Meeting.

Discussed New Equipment proposals with Highway Surveyor Tom Bardsley.

Discussed the condition of the present equipment.

Discussed Town finances.

Discussed new Town Garage: 1) Possible sites. 2) Type of construction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

February 15, 1983

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis with the full board present.

Minutes of 1/18/83 and 2/1/83 were approved.

Dean Bennet explained to the Board about a meeting he had with the Board of Health last week.

The weekly payroll and bill warrant was discussed before it was approved. The Board was concerned over bills of the Highway Dept.

The Board voted to establish the use of purchase orders for all purchases of the Town Department.

Discussed Highway Dept. employee problem.

Set Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, March 22, 1983 at 7:00 p.m.

The Board re-informed Hwy. Surveyor Thomas Bardsley that they do not want any man working more than 16 hours a day.

Discussed the last two snow storms with Thomas Bardsley.

Hwy. Surveyor Bardsley was informed that purchase order purchases are to start now!

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to meet with Finance Committee.

March 1, 1983

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis with Slm. Jim Slavas present. Ken Simos arrived a few minutes later. The minutes of the Feb. 15th meeting were approved. The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved. The March 22nd, Special Town Meeting warrant was signed.

Fire Chief Everett Rickets asked the Board what is the time frame, if any, for building a new Fire Station/Town Garage. The Selectmen have no definite time frame as yet. If it is too far in the future, Fire Chief Ricketts would like to form a committee to look into putting an addition onto the front of the present station. Clerk will draft an article for an addition to the Fire Station.

Hwy. Surveyor Thomas Bardsley and the Board discussed bridges, loaders and future projects.

Discussed reducing the amount of salt used on the roads.

Discussed Farley Road.

Discussed information gained from F.C. Selectmen's meeting. The Board voted to favor Senate Bill 1271.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

March 15, 1983

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis with Selectman Jim Slavas present. Ken called earlier to say that he would be late.

The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved. The minutes of the March 1st meeting were approved.

Appointed Donald Richardson as Animal Inspector.

Went over the Special Town Meeting Warrant with Moderator Michael Idoine.

Adjourned at 7:30 p.m. to meet with the Finance Committee.

Set Annual Town Meeting dates: Election is Monday, May 2, 1983. Polls to open at 12 noon and close at 8:00 p.m. Business meeting is Wednesday, May 4, 1983 at 7:00 p.m.

April 5, 1983

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis with Selectman Ken Simos present. Selectman Jim Slavas can not make it this evening.

7:00 p.m. approved pole location at Locke Hill #2.

Discussed weekly payroll and bill warrant. Approved the weekly payroll and bill warrant.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Williston, Clerk

Fire Log

2-17-83 Car fire - Joanne Metz.
2-22-83 Smoke investagation.
2-27-83 Chimney fire at Ray Ducharme on Montague Rd.
3-6-83 Grass fire at Locks Village Rd. and West Rd.
3-22-83 House fire at Philip Stowell's residenc.
3-22-83 Rekindled at Philip Stowell's.
3-27-83 Brush fire at Brad Lewis's.
4-13-83 Structure fire at Cleveland's camp on Moose Horn Rd.

A Note from Wendell's Police Chief

It's obvious that there are numerous people in town who are driving with out of state plates on their vehicles. This situation is going to change either voluntarily or otherwise.

The law states:

". . . No motor vehicle owned by a non resident may be operated more than 30 days in the aggregate in any one year, or in any case where the owner thereof acquires a regular place of abode or business or employment within the Commonwealth . . ."

What this means for Wendell is that if you continue to operate in violation of this law you are running the risk of receiving a citation for not being properly registered. The minimum fine for this violation is $25.00. Should you be operating without insurance the fine is no longer $25.00 but is an automatic court appearance unless you can prove that you have insurance and the fine for this is $100.00 or any amount the judge sees fit.

Land Transfers

1-25-83 Ronald F. DuCharme to Donald E. DuCharme 1 acre plus bldg. on Wicket Pond Rd.
1-28-83 Marie L. Fournier to Robert M. & Pamela Perrell 54.508 acres plus bldgs. on Morse Village Rd.
2- 2-83 Minnie F. Haskins to Alfred H. Haskins land on N.Salem & Plain Rds.
2- 4-83 Max B. Wing, Jr. to Donald Ellis 2 acres on Farley Rd.
2-10-83 James John Barilla to Jerome J. Barilla 8 acres on the south side of Montague Rd.
2-11-83 Lorraine Fluharty to Dana Todd Castonguay .50 acres on Montague Rd. and Chestnut Hill Rd.
2-11-83 Lorraine Fluharty to Dana Todd Castonguay 45 acres on Cooleyville Rd.
2-11-83 Lorraine Fluharty to Dana Todd Castonguay 5 acres on Cooleyville Rd.
2-11-83 Lorraine Fluharty to Dana Todd Castonguay 12 acres plus bldgs. on Cooleyville Rd. and Valley Rd.
2-18-83 Warren N. Doubleday to Sigrid M. Doubleday 81 acres plus bldgs. on Kentfield Rd.
2-18-83 Wayne R. & Bonnie L. Powling to David T. & Patricia A. Caron 1.2 acres on Locks Village Rd.
2-23-83 Commissioner Robert B. Carlson to Leonard Skreba 197.5 acres on New Salem Rd.
2-28-83 P & B Realty to Michael J. & Judith Seymour 14.296 acres on Morse Village & New Salem Rd.
3- 1-83 Alfred H. Haskins to Allyn W. Coombs, Inc. 100 acres on New Salem Plain & Kentfield Rds.

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☆ CAMPAIGN STATMENTS ☆

Assessor

1 yr. Raymond E. Avery

As there are many new and younger people living in Wendell these days who may not know me I wish to make a short statement about my qualifications for election to the office of Assessor in Wendell. First, I am a licensed real estate broker and appraiser having more than thirty years experience in Wendell and all of the surrounding towns. It was in March of 1946 that I was first elected to the office of Assessor in Wendell and have served in that office for about thirty years until about 1979. In fact, I believe that I am the oldest elected official now serving the town both in length of service and in age. I am now sixty-five years old and was born in Wendell and have lived in the Wendell Depot area all of my life.

Also, younger citizens may not know this but at one time the town published a complete valuation list every five years in the town report showing the assessed value of all real estate and personal property in Wendell. If elected I will support the resumption of this practice. This will help the citizens to further understand the actions of the Board of Assessors. If the town feels that it can not afford to print this list in a town report I would suggest that it might be published as a separate project and then sold to recover printing expenses. I know that one year the Wendell Post had such a list printed and placed it on sale at a very modest price.

Many thanks to the Post for printing my statement and I would certainly appreciate any support the voters of town may see fit to give me on election day.

Withdrawal

Janet Burstein

Dear Townspeople,

I am withdrawing my nomination papers for the office of Board of Assessors because of previous time commitments. Thank you for your support. Janet Burstein

Board of Health

J. ESSER 3 yrs.

Jean Esser is interested in keeping the Board of Health the way it's been in the past, to answer complaints, be there to help people, not to be a policing agency. She is interested in seeing what the State offers in the say of health screening. Jean wants to see the Board of Health be a service oriented group. Jean is a R.N. and has been a resident of Wendell for four years.

G. BUTLER ASSESSORS OFFICE 1 yr.

I am running as a write-in candidate for the Board of Assessors. Most of you met me this past fall and winter as I crisscrossed the town updating the Assessors' basic information on our taxable real estate. It was an interesting and enjoyable (except for a few hungry dogs) experience and has given me a running start in understanding the work that an assessor must do in the town.

For those who do not already know me, I have lived in town for 10 years, am 38 years old and am a self-employed sign carver and finish woodworker. I have an engineering degree from U-Mass., Amherst, and currently reside on Bear Mt. Road. I have enjoyed the work that I have done for the Assessors and look forward to being a permanent part of the Board.

R. WILLISTON Assessor 1yr.

Mr. Williston is looking toward bringing his youth and aptitude for math to play in seeking the assessors post left unexpired by June Lewis. He says, "I enjoy politics- I need some experiences and this is a good place for it."

In high school Mr. Williston did well in his math courses. He also took government and business courses which gave him some exposure to property valuation procedures. This fall he plans to enroll at Greenfield Community College to persue a major in computer programming and business management.

Richard recently joined the Wendell Volunteer Fire Dept. and has enjoyed working their concession booth at Old Home Days.

While he says, "I have little experience but I am willing to learn and to try to do the best for the town." Further he emphasized, "I want to bring youth back into town government and hope to persuade other young people to join in, as well."

Selectman

J. SLAVAS Selectman 3yr.

Two issues come to mind when Jim Slavas thinks about his bid for three year term as Selectman. Both seem equally hard. One is planning for the "financial crunch that has been brought on by Proposition 2½." The other focuses on the slow process of making the Selectboard and town government in general more accessible for the citizen.

Jim has served on the Selectboard since October 1982 when he was elected to fill the seat left by Ed Boland's resignation. During that time his most satisfying work has resulted in a bidding process for the salt shed project and communications improvements, such as, posting of the town accountant's job and forwarding mail received by the Selectboard to its relevent town department. He feels, too, that he has had some success in mediating some personality conflicts which interfered with town business.

Though he can see that it will take some time Slavas says, "I'd like to see the board reach out into the town more and have people help more with some of the big issues." He sees this as a two-way deal - people need to see the board's role as one that "should do more than just sign warrants." When issues like Rte.2 and herbicide spraying come to mind he feels, "if the board can't deal with big issues why have it."

Slavas has already worked with the Board to present a proposal for a Highway Commission which would supervise the Highway Dept. The rationale for this move is to avoid the traditional deadlocks between the Highway Surveyor and the Selectboard, and to ease the workload of the Selectboard which now oversees Highway Dept. expenditures.

"The crunch from 2½ is coming faster and faster," Slavas says. He feels long range planning of town finances is necessary to cope with this dilemma. He has also strongly supported a purchase order system which would force town departments making purchases to be aware of how much, if any, money they have in an account before they spend the money.

While there are times when he can not see why anyone would want the office very long, Jim has found satisfaction in the job. His hope is to foster more cooperation between town departments and between the town and its government.

School Committee

3 yrs. Joseph A. Diemand

With the amount of other commitments dealing with business, etc. I really wish I didn't have to serve, but at present I know of no one that is conservative yet willing to donate the vast amount of time that is needed to bring continuity to the elementary school committee at present. I hope that in the future people will be willing to serve not only on this board, but others in town that take a lot of volunteer time.

The problems that face the majority of people who serve as school committee members in dealing with budgets and other items are very trying in that not only is there not enough money to do all the things that need to be done and to do programs and the little extras that would be nice for our kids to experience. One finds themselves more often than not very, very frustrated in trying to keep everyone happy. I hope in the years to come people will not remember me as the penny pincher that I appear to be, but realize that throwing money at a budget does not automatically solve the problem.

Assessor

3 yrs. PLINY STEBBINS

Shortly after the Town Meeting the Board of Assessors will be holding a hearing on the proposed new land valuation schedules. These valuations will bring the town's land values in compliance with the state's mandate that all Real Estate be valued at 100% of market value. I urge all citizens of Wendell to attend these hearings.

Library Trustee

3 yrs. I. PFOHL

"I have enjoyed serving on the library board and wish to continue working there in the future."

Library Trustee

3 yrs.

Paula Lavoie

I would appreciate the opportunity to serve again as a library trustee for the Wendell Free Library.

Our library has been changing and growing in so many ways, and it has been exciting to watch this growth and be a part of it.

I have a true commitment to the position of library trustee and I would like to continue to demonstrate this in the months ahead.

Thank-you,
Pam Lavoie

Planning Board

1 yr.

MYRON BECKER

I have been a resident of Wendell since 1972. Presently I serve as Wendell's representative to the Millers River Watershed Council and to the Department of Environmental Management's Scenic Rivers Act Advisory Board for the Millers River. My interest in environmental concerns led me to the decision to run for the Wendell Planning Board seat. Planning for Wendell's future is a necessity and a responsibility we all share. If I am elected I would hope to encourage townspeople to bring their ideas before the Board.

Treasurer

F. BLACKBIRD 3yr.

Mrs. Blackbird has been easing into the treasurer's job since August of 1982, when Margaret Simos was unable to continue the job full time. With that experience she says that she "feels confident about doing the work and enjoys it." She has served as assistant treasurer for the past three years.

For one year at Plotkin's Furniture and three years at L.S.Starrett Co. Mrs. Blackbird was employed in various bookkeeping capacities. With the new town accountant's position she expects to spend less time writing reports and more time keeping up with routine payment chores. She is thinking about checking out the bookkeeping procedures in other towns to see if there are ways she might streamline Wendell's books.

Florrie Blackbird was born and raised in Wendell and looks forward to serving the town.

Constable

3 yr.

Joseph Hartjens

Joseph Hartjens has been our Constable for thirteen years. He enjoys doing this job and will continue to do what he's done in the past.

Highway Surveyor

Tom Bardsley 3 yrs.

I have been road boss now for the past year and six months. During that time, I have done my best to do a good job of making and keeping Wendell's roads safe. For those of you who don't know who we are, the road crew includes myself and Bradley Merchant (full time), John Larret and Wade Powling (part time), Tilly Burnette, Jim Paddock and Danny Bacigalupo (part time -- emergency snow removal). Thanks to them and others we have gotten a lot of work done this year.

Q: What are some of the major projects you have completed since you were elected to the job?

A. (Tom): I am happy to be able to say that we're finished the projects that I promised to do when I ran for the job.

1. Drainage and resealing work on Mormon Hollow Road from Farley Road to Millers Falls. Cost: $13,500 (75% reimbursed under Chap. 90).
2. Drainage and resealing work on Wendell Depot Road. Culverts opened up and replaced to prevent ice buildup. Cost: $12,000 (100% reimbursed, Chap. 90).
3. 1½ miles of drainage and resealing on West Road. Cost: $9,500 (75% reimbursed, Chap. 90).
4. ½ mile of paving on Wendell Depot Rd. (100% reimbursed, Chap. 90).

Q: What kinds of changes have been made since you took the job?

A. (Tom): Well, when I started there were no records; now for the first time we have written records, so that anyone can look at the books and see where the money goes.

- The machinery is in very good working condition, especially considering that some of the equipment is 10 - 25 years old. And now we are keeping maintenance records on all the equipment. This is new.
- I have worked on a cooperative relationship with the selectmen and the finance committee. Personally, I don't think just one person should have all the power and so I usually consult with both groups, especially the finance committee, before I make a decision about a major highway project involving a lot of money.
- I also think I have a cooperative relationship with the townspeople. I appreciate it when people call to let me know there is a problem or an emergency and we do our best to take care of it quickly. I believe communication is very important. Without it we have nothing.
- Also the highway department responds now when there is a fire or an emergency.

Q: What are your plans for the spring and summer?

A. (Tom): Besides spring cleanup and repairs, the biggest priority is to reconstruct the hill on Morse Village Road from the church to T. Wetherby's house. We all know what a hazard the hill is, especially for school buses. The project has been approved by the state and is 75% reimbursable under Chapter 90.

Q: What do you see as your biggest problem area?

A. (Tom): I know that my weakest spot is in budgeting and I plan to work more closely with the finance committee in learning about this area of the job.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like to add?

A. (Tom): When you go to cast your vote I'd like everyone to remember what the roads were like before I took this job. I think the most important consideration is the condition and safety of the roads and I think the roads are in better shape than they have been in a long time.

I'd also like to thank the road crew and townspeople for their support.

by Kate Angel

Kenneth W. Wing 3 yr.

I will open this letter by introducing myself. I am Ken Wing. I live on Montague Road. I am a resident of 27 years in the Town of Wendell. I have been employed, by the town, both in the highway dept. and the dump dept. where I have worked for the last 5 or 6 years as the compactor operator.

In my 27 years, as a resident, I have seen a lot of changes in our town and it's various departments. I have seen good things happen and also, what I would have to say, some things which I personally would call bad.

I am running for the office of Highway Surveyor (or sometimes called Highway Supt.) this year at voting time.

In the past I have seen things happen in this dept. which I would have to call wasteful and abusive. I have also seen things which I consider to be good judgment.

I will not throw stones at any one person, or persons, or make accusations. I don't think this is the time for that.

I have spent most of my life time driving truck both with long distance firms and local firms. I have also spent part of it in the mechanic field. I have also worked on, and operated, several different kinds of construction equipment for the Larris Engineering Co. of Green Cove Springs, Fla.

I believe if I am elected this year, I can improve on our maintenance program, and also the quality of the work being done.

The highway budget, next to the school budget, is one of our largest. I believe the taxpayers should, and have the right to expect good judgment, frugality, and quality in this dept. and it's personnel.

With this in mind I hope to enlist your support at the poles this voting time.

I believe I can do a good job for you, the taxpayer.

Afterall, don't you deserve it?

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth W. Wing

Vital Statistics

Births

Daniel Justin Goodman was born on March 5, 1983. He weighed 8 lbs. 9oz. Congratulations to Georgia and Carl Goodman residing at 21417 Prodencia, Woodland Hill, California 91364.

Obituaries

Juanita A. Read

Juanita A. Read died Thursday, April 7, 1983 at Poet Seat Nursing Home. Nita lived in Wendell for the past forty years. She was born in Nova Scotia on March 29, 1892. Nita leaves a son, Allison of Lakeland, Florida; a brother, Reginald Rice of Fort Pierce, Florida; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Annie M. Burnham

Annie Burnham died March 6, 1983 in the Franklin County Hospital. She was born in Gardner, Mass., April 5, 1885. Annie leaves behind a daughter, Adeline M. Jefferson of Greenfield and a grand-daughter. She had lived in Wendell for more than 50 years.

Swift River Notes

Students and staff members of Swift River School will explore a range of jobs and careers in a Jobs and Careers mini-unit on May 19 and 20. Leonard Strauss enthusiastically described the program as being "especially unusual and exciting" for a number of reasons, one of which is that the whole school has never before had such an intensive focus on careers.

During the two days students in grades 1 through 6 will join children from other classed in forming small groups to study one career field from among the following: trees (paper making, lumbering), textile making, animal care-taking, television, the grocery business, art and crafts making, jobs of the future (computers, etc.). Each career group will be staffed by one teacher from an upper grade and one from a lower grade especially interested or experienced in that area. Mr. Strauss feels that this mixed grouping will be an exciting and stimulating opportunity for both the students and staff: both the children and staff members will work with children and teachers with whom they usually have little contact. Kindergarteners will not join in these groups due to their shorter school hours; they will explore the grocery business.

In addition to having parents and other community people coming into the school to share information about the work they do, each group will go on a field trip to a work place. A grant from the Hitchcock Center has provided the school this year with an expert in environmental studies; that person will join the group studying jobs related to trees.

The library is also enlarging what Mr. Strauss describes as its relatively weak section on careers. The money for this expenditure comes form the 1982-83 budget and from profits from past book fairs.

Since there has been no funding in the 1982-83 budget for field trips, there will be a raffle during the month of May to cover the expenses of the mini-unit outings. Parents will be organizing the raffle as well as assisting on the field trips. Call the school or contact any student if you would like to purchase a raffle ticket.

Swift River is contemplating joining a number of elementary schools and thousand of schools across this country and world in offering it students an opportunity to learn about computers. A federal grant would provide a major portion of the funds necessary to purchase the two desired computers. Additional money would be saught from fund raising, donations, the school budget and other unanticipated revenue.

Mr. Strauss says he and his staff are approaching the use of computers with caution. He says they are carefully assessing their value for instructional purposes and in teaching basic programming. He says they want the computers to "challenge student's minds in new ways" rather than be used to replace regular math and reading instruction. The focus will be on using the computer for problem solving rather than game playing.

Seven staff members attended a work shop on computers held at Erving Elementary School led by the Erving teachers who initiated the use of computers there. These staff members in groups os two or three have been making a series of visits to other school in the area to learn about the strengths and weaknesses of specific computers, the kinds of mechanical uses, how teacher time is allotted, and how computer use is organized and scheduled with a limited number of computers. Schools visited were Mahar, Crocker Farms in Amherst, Pelham, South Hadley, Russell Street School in Hadley and Florence Grammar School.

Two part-time teachers and one lower grade teacher away on a leave of absence turned in their resignations to the School Committee at its April 7 meeting; one full time upper grade teacher was granted a leave of absence. At this meeting a replacement process schedule was partially defined.

School committee interviews of final candidates for the lower grade position will be held May 5, followed by recommendations to school committee and appointment by the committee on May 12. Preliminary interviews for the upper grade position will be held in May with final school committee interviews, recommendations and appointments to be held in early June.

Judy Salpeter, one of two fifth/sixth grade teachers has requested a leave of absence to take courses in computer programming, to travel and to pursue interest in curriculum development and publishing. She stated in her letter to the school committee that she hopes to return in a year with new skills.

Cyndy Perlman, away on leave of absence, will remain in Maine to teach and live there. Diane Starr, art teacher, is moving to California. Don Yasso, instructional musice teacher, will be doing other things including teaching at Greenfeild Community College.

The joint school committee has complied with drectives from the New Salem and Wendell Finaince Committees and Selectpeople to stay within a 1½% increase in its proposed budget for the coming school year. This limited increase will necessitate cutting an aide position.

Although restoring this aide position is one of the first things Mr. Strauss would recommend should there be unantiupated revenues, he says he can live with it since enrollment is down approximately 25 children from the past three or four years.

Most budget line items have remained close to last year's figures. The salary line which is still being negotiated has increased from $125,506. to $136,116.. This increase is due to step raises and cost of living raises.

High priority items for unanticipated revenues would be restoring the aide position, increasing librarian time, and purchasing computers ans computer related materails.

Trudy Berkovitz

More New Salem Academy News

Plans to open New Salem Academy are proceeding according to schedule! Energy is being largely directed into fundraising and student recruitment. Progress is slowly being made on both fronts.

On the money scene, we held an auction in New Salem Town Hall on Sunday, April 10th and raised $882.00. A "$25 per couple" reception will be held Sunday, May 1st at the home of Fritz and Marion von Mering in New Salem. Wendell's own Loose Caboose will be doing a benefit at Hangar One on Rte. 9 in Hadley on Monday, May 2nd. Tickets are $4. You can help us by buying several in advance. Call 544-7327 (Nat) or 544-2207 (Helen) for tickets. We'll be screening "Wasn't It a Time" starring The Weavers at Wright Hall, Smith College, on May 15th, and somewhere in Greenfield as well. Details to follow: call me for more information.

We have student applications available, and we've already interviewed several applicants. Priority for financial aid is being extended to New Salem and Wendell residents. The sooner you apply, the better. Call me for more information.

Our curriculum has been approved by the New Salem School Committee for the coming year, so we are authorized to offer a legal diploma equivalent to that of the public schools. Any further "accreditation" will have to wait until after the school is open.

We are still looking for one more teacher. This person must be qualified (not necessarily state-certified) to teach high school mathematics, be ready and willing to teach in other academic areas as well, and be ready and willing to take responsibility, in cooperative partnership with the other staff, for the entirety of the school's operation. Spread the word, and call me for more information.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every person who has volunteered time and energy to starting the school. We could not be doing this without you, so please accept my gratitude in behalf of the Trustees and staff.

Enjoy the spring!

by Nathaniel Needle

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Within the last two months Wendell has lost two beautiful ladies. Annie Burnham died on March 6 and Juanita Read died on April 7. The Wendell Post had done interviews with both women back in 1978. Reading their stories I was touched and very happy that we had the chance to meet them. We thought you all might enjoy this look at their lives.

Anne Diemand

Annie Burnham

At the foot of Wendell Mountain in the little village of Wendell Depot lives Annie Burnham, who will be 93 on April 5th. Annie is slight of stature and has snow white hair, with shining blue eyes and a bright lovely smile. She has lived in Wendell Depot for the past fifty years, since she moved here with her husband, the late Ray Burnham. The home they lived in was washed away in the flood, so they bought the house and barn across the road. She still lives in this same house with her daughter, Mrs. Adeline Jefferson. She has no trouble remembering the Depot well, even the railroad gate, which used to be wound down by hand to stop the trains. The Dexter House was a thriving hotel. Across the road stood a large building. An eating place was on the lower floor and upstairs was a large hall where dances were held every Saturday night. "Wendell was really alive once," she reminisced, thinking of the dances and all the people who came to them. This hall finally burned down to the ground and that was the end of the dances. But for the men, there was still the barber shop and the pool room to hang out

Originally all the mail came the the post office in Wendell Depot and then was sorted out for the Center. All mail was addressed to Wendell, never to Wendell Depot. She remembers as though it were yesterday, the kerosene lamps, the store man who delivered her groceries and even the ice man who came by to fill the ice chest. They were never short of water, for it was carried from an outside well. Pails were lowered down into the well and when filled, were drawn up. This carrying never bothered her, except on wash days, when she'd have to carry a lot more.

Her mother used to tell her that it was the brightest, sunniest Easter Sunday morning in Gardner, Mass. that year of 1885 when she was born. Annie's first marriage was to Albert Morgan and her daughter, Adeline, was only a year and a half when she was widowed. They lived in South Royalston as Adeline grew up. She later met and married Ray Burnham and moved to Wendell Depot around 1928. He worked for years at the Erving Paper Mill. She worked for Cass Toy Factory in Athol and the Erving Paper Mill, but the job she liked best was during the was at the Minute Tapioca Plant.

Her health is surprisingly good, except for her hip and legs, which give her trouble and make her very cautious about walking. Her sight is good and she likes to watch certain programs on TV, such as the "Little House on the Prairie" and the "Waltons." She does not approve of some of the programs on TV with the women dancing with little or no clothes on. Her hands are always busy. One of her favorite past times is crocheting potholders. She recently made a braided mat.

Her comment on the dress of people nowadays was "when people used to go somewhere, they always used to dress up, but now they just don't care."

One of the bright spots of her days are the freguent visits from her grand-daughter, Gail, who lives in Vermont. She smiled as she said, "Gail is always buying me something." When Gail comes, they go for long rides in the country and even shopping. Annie still enjoys going sh pping, especially for clothes.

Congratulations, Annie, from the Wendell Post! May your days be filled with happiness.

Kathy Becker 3/78

Juanita Read

We visited another senior citizen this week, a gracious, gentle soul. Neta Read will be 86 years young March 29. She's an amazing person, someone who still does her own washing and hangs it on the line to dry because she likes to smell the freshness of clean clothes. Her friends think the reason she's so young in spirit is that she walks every day and in good weather it's usually a mile. She knows now that it isn't wise to walk in the winter because four years ago, on a late afternoon walk, she fell on the road and broke her hip and wrist. Fortunately someone came by and got help. After months in the hospital and nursing home, she came home and her persistence in doing the therapy recommended paid off. She now walks without even a limp.

Neta explained that she was born in Nova Scotia because even though her parents lived in Boston where her father owned two shoe stores, her mother decided to go visit her own parents and she didn't quite make it back in time! Neta married quite young to Bill Read who worked in the shipyards. During the World War II, he was an army engineer. Much of their married life was spent in Port Washington, Long Island. She worked before and after their two children were born as a proofreader. After Bill's retirement, in 1943, they searched for a place in the country, where he could have a small farm and raise a few cows. They fell in love with the place in Wendell and bought it on the spot. That first night, since there were no beds, they slept on straw from the barn.

Before settling down, they decided to make one last trip to the West coast to see Neta's father. This is a bit of romance, so it must be told . . .

Neta's mother and father years ago had come to the parting of ways. It was the year 1898 during the Gold Rush and she would have none of it. So off he went to fame but not fortune. He became Mayor of Nome and helped to build that city up in the early 1900's. The romance was being rekindled in 1943 and Neta's Dad came back East with them and remarried her mother. But it just did not work, so he moved to Wendell. He was now 82 and spent his last years . . . and they were happy ones . . . with Neta and Bill. He spent many hours renovating the house. Neta spoke with tears as she told of the work he had done.

Not too long after his death, another unhappy event overshadowed their lives. They returned one day from Orange to find their home in flames. Only the barn was saved. They spent the rest of the winter at Kupper's home, down the road. Their determination surfaced again after the shock of it all and they decided to go back to New York and work to earn enough money to rebuild. It took seven long years, but they did it. Today a lovely, warm and comfortable home stands. Her picture window looks out over the valley and mountains and in all four seasons is breathtaking. The sunsets are something to behold. It is small wonder that Neta would not live elsewhere.

Neta has one son, Allison, who lives in Florida. She lost her only daughter, Paula, a few years ago after a long illness. To those who knew her, she was a lovely person just like her mother. There are five grandchildren, one of whom is Peggy Simos, who lives near Neta. Tarra and Carey Simos are two of Neta's great grandchildren.

As for hobbies, Neta loves to read. She used to do lots of sewing and made braided rugs. When asked how many she's made over the years, she said, "Dozens." The last one she made was for Peggy's new home. And how long does it take? "Anywhere from four months, if I work at it steadily . . . or if I take my time, maybe a year and a half." We looked down at the two rugs she has in her living room, the colors so carefully blended and both at least fourteen feet long, and we knew the time and effort it had taken.

We asked if she recalled any of the old-time Town Meetings. She replied, "Oh, yes, thirty years ago they were all well attended. All the seats would be filled early and there would be standing room only. There were some lively discussions of the financing of the town budget. Everyone was interested in what should be done to improve the surroundings and to keep expenditures down. Sometimes the discussions became quite heated and exciting."

Neta is a member of the Wendell Golden Agers and looks forward to the meetings. She enjoys getting together with them on their outings and sometimes just to sit and talk. She thinks it's good for the older poeple. And the Wendell Post? She likes it and reads every word, from cover to cover.

She said of Wendell and its people, "Everybody's good around here and I like living in Wendell. The people are nice, the scenery is nice and it's a relaxed environment. The foliage, I love. People drive for miles and miles to see it and we have it all around us. Wendell is a good place to live."

Anne Diemand 2/78

A FAREWELL LETTER TO JUANITA READ

April, 1983

Dearest Nita,

On a day not long ago, your gentle soul slipped quietly away.
The tears we shed at your gravesite were not of sadness but from fond memories of hours spent.
You are gone now to be reunited at long last with your loved ones in the presence of our Heavenly Father to whom we often prayed.
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Outdoors in Wendell

by Myron Becker

Catching the trout of the Millers

If you haven't heard by now, here's the news; there's a new trout stream in town. Most major fisheries come complete with a history and lore developed by it's regulars over the years. Information about hot spots, best bait, tactics, and access can be uncovered by talking to other fishermen, locals, or tackle shop clerks. Here in Wendell Depot we have a paradox, a major trout river with no modern fishing history; a new trout stream.

For the consumate angler, the challenge is priceless. Extracting a fisheries' secrets is 90% of the fun. Because angling is a science as well as an art, much information is available. We know for instance, that trout behave in certain (usually) predictable ways. We know what they like to eat and when. We know what they do under a variety of environmental conditions such as water speed, temperature, time of day and year and availability of food organisms. Armed with this information, your trusty outdoor columnist will attempt to predict the most effective methods for extracting these denizens from the river.

Note; these guidelines are not etched in the crumbling concrete of the Depot bridge. Ie. if you follow them explicitly it does not guarentee you fish, and if you don't, you still may score. Let's start with tackle.

The ideal outfit is a light action spinning rod loaded with four pound test line. Warning; cheap line is no bargain. You can get away with a willow stick for a rod but cheap line will loose you fish and tackle. For flyfishers a 7½ to 9' rod for 5,6, or 7 weight line, both floating and sinking, is perfect.

Bait: For this time of year the best bet is the common earth worm. Hook it just once through the middle. Don't thread it on. Any indication that there are strings attached is a warning to the fish so make it look natural. Other natural baits worth trying are grubs and insect larva found under rocks along the stream bank. Salmon eggs are not effective for the Brook and Brown Trout found in the Millers. Also try lures such as Colorado spinners, Mepps type spinners, Dare devil spoons, Al's Goldfish, and small Rapalas and Rebells. A worm/spinner combo is very effective. Good fly choices include small brightly colored streamers, and Muddlers, Stonefly nymphs, hornburgs, and leech imitations.

Tactics: The trick is to get your bait to bounce along the bottom in a natural drift. Use as little weight as possible to achieve this effect. Worms that fall into a river do not swim against the current or lay on the bottom. In the cold water of early spring the trout will be on the bottom and they won't be looking up for insects as they will later in the season. Because trout tend to take up a "lie" or position where they can watch the flow and pick off morsels of food as they come drifting by, lobbing a heavily weighted bait to the middle of a deep pool and letting it sit there for a trout to find works on occasion, but is not nearly as effective as the cast and drift method. Prospect for your fish, the lethargic angler will not catch as many trout as the active hunter.

Reading the water: It is a waste of time to be drifting your bait where there are no fish. With some experience you will be able to spot likely lies almost instinctively. As a rule Brook Trout tend to hang out in the faster riffle streaches while the lazier Browns take up their lies in the slower pools and close to the undercut banks. Remember, no trout likes to spend their energy fighting a strong current, but they need the flow to bring them their food. Therefore prospect in front of and behind any obstruction that will allow the fish to easily maintain a position adjacent to the flow of the main current such as boulders stumps and undercut banks. Because the fish were stocked in fairly high water, they are probably spread out down stream from the Depot bridge where they were stocked. Fish slowly and methodically covering all of the water that you can reach from one position before moving.

Limits: You may legally keep six trout in any one day. Please remember, the trout are a limited resource. There are only so many and there will be many fisherfolks. Don't kill your limit, limit your kill. A fish will survive if it is only lip hooked provided it is handled gently and released quickly. The best way to release a trout is to remove the hook without taking the fish from the water. Don't grab the fish around the middle as the internal organs are easily dammaged and the fish will die. If the fish is exhausted from the fight, hold it gently upright facing upstream in the water until it swims off on its own power.

The trout stocked in the Millers average about 12", two or three of them are an ample meal for two. Don't try to stock the freezer you can go down and catch fresh ones any day until winter. They taste so much better fresh!

Access: The south bank is the best side t fish from in the Depot area. You can walk down to the water on either side of of the bridge. Access from the power transformer will get you into some of the lower streaches. Don't trespass without permission. The water upstream of the bridge will contain fish from the Orange area stocking once they work their way down. This section is best fished from the north bank by walking down from the Rt 2A/Depot Rd. intersection.

Caution: If you have a pair of waders or hip boots they can be a great asset but be very carefull, use a wading staff (strong stick) the rocks are very slippery and while the water is high visibility of bottom struc ture is limited.

So have fun, make sure you have a 1983 Mass. licence, (that's the money that pays for the fish), and I'll see you down there.

Open letter to New Salem

February 28, 1983

Dear Members of the Board,

"I am writing this letter to inform you of my intentions of resigning as Chief of the New Salem Police Department.

During the past year another man and myself have joined together to form Mohawk Energy Services, an oil burner and installation company based in Gardner, Mass. With the forming of this company has come a much larger work load, which has put much more demand on my time. Due to this demand I've found it next to impossible to devote the time needed to effectively carry out the work that has to be done by the Chief, the time I do have being used to insure my family's future.

I have enjoyed the years I have spent as Chief and hope that I have made some small contribution to the Town. I realize I may have stepped on some toes at one time or another, but can honestly say I have agreed with everyone or they with me, I know I leave the office having done the best that I possible could."

The above three paragraphs were taken from the letter I wrote to the Board of Selectmen. It has been stated that I was resigning from the position of Chief because of small town politics, disagreements with town officials, ets. Let me assure the people, if that was the case I more than likely would have left a long time ago. As far as I am concerned I leave on good terms with everyone..

I wish to thank all the Town's people for their support over the years, it was greatly appreciated and made the job for the most part that much easier. Another thanks is due to the many area Police Departments who have assisted us in the past. Their help was much appreciated, I hope the departments working relationship with them will continue for years to come.

Respectfully,
George Spaulding

New Candidates, New Statements

New Salem has two new candidates running for offices this election. Joseph Starkey, of West St., had this to say about running for Assessor:

"Someone's got to do the job--it's a service to the Town. There have been lots of good people who have worked in the past to keep our tax rate down, and I don't think there have been many problems with the reevaluation. I'm not looking to create anything new, I just want to do the job and do it well. I will have to take classes to learn how to "take care of business" and that will require some effort, but I feel it's well worth it. This is the second time I've been asked to run for Assessor and this time I couldn't refuse."

Richard Shortt, of N. Main St., has decided to run for Board of Selectmen and his statement is as follows:

"As a new Selectperson joining the board, I would want to look at the problems and issues facing New Salem with an open mind. Finding solutions to many of our problems, I know, are complicated by State rules and regulations which hinder rather than help us.

I feel that a new Selectperson needs to spend time understanding what our problems are, before proposing solutions. I would therefore expect to spend several months learning about our problems in the role of Selectperson. I would also decide, as much as possible, to let preconceived notions or prejudices not interfere with an open minded approach toward working with the other Selectpeople in trying to solve our town's problems.

I would plan to participate on the board recognizing that the finest resources this town has is its townspeople. I would plan to work with the other Selectpeople in encouraging greater participation in town government by townspeople. I am particularly impressed by the quality of our town committees and would want to encourage input by them. Specifically I see important work to be done by committees in fact finding and research as well as policy recommendations. I think that committee input can result in better decision making by the Selectboard.

I am therefore excited at this opportunity to make greater contact with townspeople toward making New Salem an even better town. I expect that we can make use of our talent and resources in being creative as well as in solving problems."

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Election
Monday, May 2, 1983
12 noon - 8 p.m.

Wendell Town Warrant

Annual Town Meeting
Wednesday
May 4, 1983
7 p.m.

ELECTION, MONDAY, MAY 2, 1983 12 NOON to 8:00 P.M.

Article 1: To choose all on one ballot one (1) Selectman, one (1) Assessor, two (2) School Committee Members, two (2) Library Trustees, one (1) Board of Health Member, one (1) Cemetery Commissioner, one (1) Constable and one (1) Highway Surveyor for three (3) years; one (1) Planning Board Member for five (5) years; one (1) Planning Board Member for four (4) years to fill vacancy; one Assessor for one (1) year to fill vacancy; one Library Trustee for one (1) year to fill vacancy; one (1) Treasurer for one (1) year to fill vacancy; one (1) Moderator and one (1) Tree Warden for one (1) year.

THE BUSINESS MEETING FOR ACTION ON ARTICLES 2 thru 19 SHALL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

Article 2: To hear the report of Town Officials, or take any action thereon.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1983 in accordance with the provisions of Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any action thereon.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to fix the Salary and Compensation of all elected and appointed officials of the Town for the financial year beginning July 1, 1983, as provided in Section 108, Chapter 41, of Mass. General Laws, as amended and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray such Salaries and Expenses for that period, or take any action thereon.

'83-'84	other sources	'83-'84 request	Fin. Com. Rec.
(426,415.72)	(000)	(474,739.54)	(438,978.04)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum from the Overlay Reserve Account to the Reserve Account or take any action thereon.

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Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend the sum of $12,265.00 or such other sum that may be made available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Works for Fiscal 1984 Chapter 90 type Construction, and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contracts relative thereto, and to raise and appropriate or appropriate such sums as may be needed, or take any any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(000) (12,265.00) (12,265.00) (12,265.00)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend the sum of $1,250.00, specified as "Direct State Aid to Public Libraries," from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or take any action thereon.

(000) (000) (1,250.00) (1,250.00)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for payment of Principal and Interest of the New Salem-Wendell Union School Bond or take any action thereon.

(33,166.00) (000) (31,724.00) (31,724.00)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money as the Town's share of the Shared Administrative Assistant Program, to accept any other funds as may be available to support said program during fiscal year 1984, and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a cooperative agreement as prescribed by GL Chapter 40, Section 4A for the program's administration and management or take any action in relation thereto.

(4,000.00) (000) (3,450.00) (3,450.00)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund, or take any action theron.

(10,000.00) (000) (10,000.00) (10,000.00)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate the sum of $11,200. for the completion of the Tax Map or take any action thereon.

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Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to purchase a Four-Wheel Drive Loader for the Highway Department and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation form available funds in the treasury, or by borrowing under the provisions of Ch.44 of the General Laws or take any action thereon.

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Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for Hazardous Waste Co-ordinator Expenses, or take any action thereon.

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Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the planning, purchase of property and construction of a new Town Garage/Fire Station and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or by borrowing under the provisions of Ch. 44 of the General Laws, or take any actin thereon.

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Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate of appropriate a sum of money forTransportation of the Elderly and Handicapped, or take any action thereon.

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Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of three members to look into the practicality of constructing a 20 foot addition to the front of the fire station. A report of this committee shall be made at the first town meeting to be held after November 1, 1983, or take any action thereon.

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Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to appoint a three member Road Commissioners charter study committee. This committee shall report back to the Town at least ninety (90) days before the next annual election at a special town meeting or take any action thereon.

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Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to accept the following attached 9 page Personnel Policy as a Town By-Law or take any actio thereon.

Article 19: To transact any other legal business that may come before said meeting.